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MEMORANDUM

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To: All NSLP Sponsors

From: Pat Cook, RD and Katherine Stewart, RD, CPFM
Office of Child Nutrition and School Health
Nutrition Education Program Consultants

Subject: Implementing the Revised School Meal Recipes

The recipes from the 1988 *Quantity Recipes for School Food Service* and the 1995 *Tool Kit for Healthy School Meals* were revised using updated yields from the *Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs* and using the 2005 *Food Code* for Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP). The revised recipes were combined into one source and in April 2005, the *USDA Recipes for Child Nutrition Programs – Schools* were posted at the National Food Service Management Institute's (NFSMI) website. The April 2005 version supersedes all other versions of school recipes.

The following provides guidance on the implementation of the revised recipes and for discontinuing the use of the old recipes:

Beginning July 1, 2006, the revised recipes contained in the *USDA Recipes for Child Nutrition Programs – Schools*, currently posted at the NFSMI websites, should be the only USDA recipes used for meeting school meal requirements for Federal reimbursement. These recipes are currently available online at:

http://www.nfsmi.org/Information/school_recipe_index_alpha.html
(all of the recipes are listed in alphabetical order) and

http://www.nfsmi.org/Information/school_recipe_index_number.html
(all of the recipes are listed by order of recipe number)

As of June 30, 2006, the following USDA recipes **should no longer be used** for meeting school meal requirement for Federal reimbursement:

- 1988 *Quantity Recipes for School Food Service*;
- 1995 *Tool Kit for Healthy School Meals*;
- Recipes containing Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points based on the *1999 Food Code*, provided on CD from the NFSMI;
- Chef Challenge recipes; or
- Any other USDA recipes published prior to the revised (April 2005) school meal recipes.

The recipe sources listed above are based on outdated food yields and food code recommendations. A majority of the recipes no longer provide the quantity of food for crediting or nutrient values indicated and have outdated critical control points, and therefore, should not be used. To avoid using the wrong recipe version, schools and school food authorities should discard obsolete recipes.

Schools will need to be aware that some of the software used by schools for nutrient analysis may not currently contain the correct version of the recipes. While all USDA approved software programs already include the updated nutrient values in their inclusion of CN database release 9, some software companies had previously and voluntarily included complete recipes with ingredient in there software. However, the ingredient recipes in these additions to the software should not be used unless they are verified to be the revised version. Schools should also note that USDA does not review the accuracy of voluntarily added software features, therefore, if schools choose to use ingredient recipes included in software programs, they are using them at their own risk.

To assist schools with the implementation of the revised recipes, Team Nutrition plans to distribute a recipe publication in late spring 2006. Schools that are already using the revised (April 2005) recipes are encouraged to continue using them as soon as possible, but no later than July 1, 2006.

Nutrikids has advised the state agency that the new version of CN data base release 10 will be available for release shortly. This release will contain all required updates, including HACCP instructions on the recipes. This version must be purchased for recipe analysis, if you do not hold current software versions.